

EAST PLAZA OF THE CAPITOL

OCTOBER 11, 1985.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HOWARD, from the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 3066]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Public Works and Transportation, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3066) to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to redesign and reconstruct the East Plaza of the United States Capitol in order to provide increased security and for esthetic purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST PLAZA.

The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the House Office Building Commission, is authorized to redesign and reconstruct the East Plaza of the United States Capitol in order to provide increased security and for esthetic purposes. Such redesign and reconstruction shall be substantially in accordance with the Olmsted Plan for the United States Capitol Grounds and the Landscape Plan of the 1981 Master Plan for the United States Capitol.

SEC. 2. SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF PLANS.

(a) **SUBMISSION OF PLANS.**—The Architect of the Capitol shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives plans and cost estimates for the reconstruction of the East Plaza of the United States Capitol under section 1.

(b) **APPROVAL BY COMMITTEES.**—No appropriation shall be made, except such sums as may be necessary to prepare plans and cost estimates required under subsection (a), for the reconstruction of the East Plaza of the United States Capitol under section 1 unless plans and cost estimates submitted under subsection (a) for such reconstruction have been approved by resolution by the Committee on Rules and Admin-

istration of the Senate and the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Architect of the Capitol \$8,400,000 for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1985, to carry out this Act.

PURPOSE

H.R. 3066 authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the House Office Building Commission, to redesign and reconstruct the East Plaza of the United States Capitol in order to provide increased security for Members of the House and Senate, officials of the Congress, employees and visitors who are in and about the Capitol on a daily basis, and to protect the United States Capitol, a national shrine and symbol of freedom to the world. The legislation provides that the East Plaza will be returned to a major pedestrian and ceremonial entrance-place appropriate for the main entrance to the Capitol. By resurfacing the Plaza, installing fountains and other ornamental landscape features and eliminating private parking, both the security and beauty of the Plaza will be significantly enhanced. At the same time, this project will enhance the esthetic aspect of the eastern approaches to the Capitol by permitting the replacement of unsightly interim security measures, such as parked trucks, with more acceptable devices, such as concealed hydraulically actuated barriers. The redesign is required to be substantially in accordance with the Olmstead Plan for the United States Capitol Grounds and the Landscape Plan of the 1981 Master Plan for the United States Capitol.

The Architect of the Capitol is directed to prepare and submit to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives plans and cost estimates for the reconstruction of the East Plaza of the United States Capitol. No appropriation shall be made, except such sums as may be necessary to prepare plans and cost estimates, for the reconstruction of the East Plaza of the United States Capitol unless the plans and cost estimates providing for reconstruction have been approved by resolution by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives. Lastly, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Architect of the Capitol sums in the amount of \$8,400,000.00 for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1985 for the redesign and reconstruction of the East Plaza of the United States Capitol.

NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The East Plaza currently serves as both a thoroughfare for vehicular traffic approaching the Capitol, as well as a parking lot for approximately 350 privately-owned automobiles. In its present configuration, security of the approaches to the Capitol Building can be only inadequately maintained through stop-gap measures, such as barring after-hours access to the drives and the Plaza with parked trucks and other unsightly and inefficient measures. Redesign and reconstruction of the Plaza will, consistent with the Olmstead and

1981 Master Plan, not only beautify the Plaza but also enhance its security through strategic placement of landscape features, such as fountains, plantings and bollards. Employees presently assigned parking space on the East Plaza will be accommodated elsewhere in the Capitol Hill complex.

DISCUSSION

Preliminary estimates by the Architect of the Capitol indicate that the entire project of redesigning and reconstructing the East Plaza of the United States Capitol would cost approximately \$8.4 million. It also appears that some of these funds may be available as a result of savings anticipated on the project for the Renovation of the West Central Front of the United States Capitol.

COMPLIANCE WITH CLAUSE 2(1) OF RULE XI OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(1) With reference to clause 2(1)(3)(A) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, no separate hearings were held on the subject matter of this legislation by the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight.

(2) With respect to clause 2(1)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H.R. 3066, as reported, does not provide new budget authority or increased tax expenditures. Accordingly, a statement pursuant to section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act is not required.

(3) With reference to clause 2(1)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received a report prepared by the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act. The report is as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 11, 1985.

Hon. JAMES J. HOWARD,
*Chairman, Committee on Public Works and Transportation,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the attached cost estimate for H.R. 3066, a bill to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to redesign and reconstruct the East Plaza of the United States Capitol in order to provide increased security and for esthetic purposes.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.

With best wishes,
Sincerely,

RUDOLPH G. PENNER.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

1. Bill number: H.R. 3066
2. Bill title: A bill to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to redesign and reconstruct the East Plaza of the United States Capitol in order to provide increased security and for esthetic purposes.

3. Bill status: As ordered reported by the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, October 10, 1985.

4. Bill purpose: The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$8.4 million to the Architect of the Capitol, beginning in fiscal year 1986, to redesign and reconstruct the East Plaza of the U.S. Capitol. Of this amount, only such sums as may be necessary to prepare plans and cost estimates may be appropriated to the Architect until the plans and estimates are approved by the appropriate House and Senate committees.

5. Estimated cost to the Federal Government:

[By fiscal years in millions of dollars]

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Authorization Level	8.4				
Estimated Outlays	3.0	5.4			

The costs of this bill fall within budget function 800.

Basis of estimate

This estimate assumes the amount authorized will be appropriated for fiscal year 1986. The estimate of outlays is based on information from the Architect of the Capitol's office.

6. Estimated cost to State and local Governments: None.

7. Estimate comparison: None

8. Previous CBO estimate: None.

9. Estimate prepared by: James Hearn (226-2860)

10. Estimate approved by: C.G. Nuckols (for James L. Blum, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis).

(4) With reference to clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has not received a report from the Committee on Government Operations pertaining to the subject matter of this legislation.

(5) With reference to clause 2(1)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following information is provided: The effect of carrying out H.R. 3066, as reported, should be negligible with respect to prices and costs.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives required a statement of the estimated cost to the United States which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 3066, as reported, in fiscal year 1985, and each of the following 5 years. The carrying out of this legislation is not expected to result in any increased costs to the United States.

COMMITTEE ACTION AND VOTE

The Committee, in compliance with rule XI(2)(1)(2)(A) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, reports favorably the bill, H.R. 3066, as amended. The Committee ordered the bill reported by voice vote.